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SUBJECT: SSOD: SUMMARY OF DEBATE MORNING MAY 31 - PANAMA,
ANGOLA, VIET-NAM, IRAQ, SIERRA LEONE

1. PANAMA. AMBASSADOR ILLUECA WELCOMED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN HIS MAY 24 SPEECH THAT THE SSOD HAS BEEN CONVENED AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES. ILLUECA UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF 1977 PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND NOTED THAT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION WOULD BE EXCHANGED IN PANAMA IN JUNE. ILLUECA GAVE STANDARD NON-ALIGNED ANALYSIS OF DISARMAMENT, AND HIGHLIGHTED PARTICULARLY THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO. HE SUPPORTED VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL THAT AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES MEET TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

2. ANGOLA. PRIME MINISTER FORTUNATO DO

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NASCIMENTO COMPLAINED THAT DESPITE BURDENS OF BEING A NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY, ANGOLA IS REQUIRED TO REINFORCE ITS DEFENSES BECAUSE OF THE DANGEROUS GEO-POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S MAY 24 INCURSION INTO ANGOLA AND ATTACKED INSTITUTION OF APARTHEID. HE DREW ATTENTION TO DANGER OF DEVELOPMENT

OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY SOUTH AFRICA AND CALLED FOR AN AFRICAN NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. NASCIMENTO ALSO CONDEMNED ACCORD BETWEEN ZAIRE AND FRG ON A MISSILE LAUNCHING BASE IN ZAIRE. HE CONTENDED CERTAIN NATO COUNTRIES STILL INTEND TO SET UP A SOUTH ATLANTIC MILITARY ALLIANCE WHICH HE CRITICIZED AS AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND NATO'S INFLUENCE TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND TO STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRESSIVE STATES AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. NASCIMENTO WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF INTENTION OF SOME EUROPEAN POWERS TO ESTABLISH ALLIANCES WITH THEIR FORMER COLONIES IN AFRICA.

NASCIMENTO ATTACKED MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES AND "IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" FOR FOMENTING ARMS RACE. HE SUPPORTED:

- 1) THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE;
 - 2) A NON-USE OF FORCE TREATY;
 - 3) A FREEZE AND SUBSEQUENT REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH THE RESOURCES RELEASED BEING ALLOCATED TO LDCS;
 - 4) A HALT IN THE PRODUCTION AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT
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OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A REDUCTION OF STOCKPILES;

- 5) ADOPTION BY THE SSOD OF A RESOLUTION BANNING THE MANUFACTURE AND USE OF THE "NEUTRON BOMB", WHICH HE TERMED AN "ABOMINABLE WEAPON".

STATING THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE TO REDUCE ONE TYPE OF WEAPON (I.E. NUCLEAR WEAPONS) WITHOUT DEALING WITH OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS, NASCIMENTO INDICATED WILLINGNESS OF ANGOLA TO ADDRESS PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

3. VIET NAM. VIETNAMESE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION NGUYEN VAN HIEU IN A VERY MILD PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON COLONIALISM AS A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. HE NOTED THE GREAT POWERS HAVE SPOKEN A GREAT DEAL ABOUT DISARMAMENT BUT HAVE NOT FOLLOWED UP WITH ACTION. INSTEAD THEY DEVELOP NEW WEAPONS, SUCH AS THE NEUTRON BOMB. HE NOTED THAT WHERE THERE IS COLONIALISM THERE IS A NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. AS LONG AS IMPERIALISTS DO NOT DISARM, OTHER NATIONS MUST STRENGTHEN THEIR CAPACITY OF SELF-DEFENSE AND ABILITY TO REPEL IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION. TALKS ABOUT PREVENTION OF A

NUCLEAR WAR SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO A FEW STATES WHEN OTHERS ALSO POSSESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TO BE EFFECTIVE ALL DISARMAMENT MEASURES MUST AIM AT GENERAL DISARMAMENT AND MUST NOT RESERVE A SUPREMACY FOR IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES OF PEACE AND NON-NUCLEAR ZONES IS IMPORTANT, BUT THEY HAVE TO REFLECT THE OPINION OF STATES INTERESTED IN THE ZONES IN QUESTION. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO CUBA AS A SOCIALIST STATE AND FOR SUPPORTING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLES. NGUYEN NOTED THAT FEW STATES IN THE UN APPROVE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO ISRAEL OR TO THE VORSTER AND SMITH "CLIQUES."

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HE CONDEMNED IMPERIALIST ACTS DESIGNED TO CREATE TENSION IN KOREA, SUCH AS MILITARY MANEUVERS. HE SUPPORTED CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SSOD.

4. IRAQ. THE SPEECH BY IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER SAAD-HAMMADI WAS FAIRLY RESTRAINED AND DEALT FAR MORE WITH ALLEGATIONS OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS THAN WITH DISARMAMENT. HAMMADI LINKED DISARMAMENT WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE CALLED ON THE GREAT POWERS TO REDUCE THEIR ACTUAL QUANTITY OF ARMS, NOT JUST TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF WEAPONS ALLOWABLE. HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NPT AS A NECESSITY FOR PEACE. THE BULK OF HIS SPEECH DEALT WITH THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. HAMMADI CALLED FOR PRESSURE ON WESTERN STATES, ESPECIALLY THE US, TO CURB SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. HE NOTED ISRAEL USED AIRCRAFT, TANKS AND OTHER WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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US IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AS WELL AS US-SUPPLIED CLUSTER BOMBS THERE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HAMMADI ACCUSED ISRAEL OF HAVING A NUCLEAR POTENTIAL, OF HAVING STOLEN AND BOUGHT URANIUM FROM IMPERIALISTS AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE CHARGED ISRAEL ALREADY HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ALLUDED TO CONFIRMATION BY US LEADERS, CONGRESSMEN AND THE CIA. HAMMADI WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF ISRAEL'S ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ACCUSED ISRAEL OF COOPERATING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME MILITARILY, BY TRAINING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ANGOLA. ISRAEL MOREOVER PROVIDES SOUTH AFRICA WITH AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS, INCLUDING MISSILES, IN EXCHANGE FOR URANIUM AND GOLD. HAMMADI ACCUSED ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA OF COOPERATING ON ARMS FACTORIES AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS, AS WELL AS ENGAGING IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION. HE ACCUSED ISRAEL TOO OF GIVING SOUTH AFRICA POLITICAL SUPPORT BY NOT COMPLYING WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL BAN ON TRANSFER OF WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND TECHNICAL AID TO SOUTH AFRICA. HAMMADI CONCLUDED THAT ISRAEL HAS FAILED TO ACCEDE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID, AND OF MAINTAINING COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL, AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE NOTED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD DISTRIBUTED A STUDY DOCUMENTING HIS ACCOUNT AND THAT IRAQ WILL SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE SSOD CALLING FOR CONCRETE AND EFFECTIVE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THIS REGARD.

5. SIERRA LEONE. SIERRA LEONE FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULAI O. CONTEH SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE RIGHT OF DEVELOPING STATES TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY. HE PORTRAYED THE HORROR THAT SMALL DEVELOPING STATES UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE REGARDING THE DANGERS POSED BY NUCLEAR ARMS, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING--WITHOUT MENTION OF ITS NAME--THE NEUTRON BOMB. CONTEH ALSO EXPRESSED DISQUIET OVER SOUTH

AFRICA'S NUCLEAR POTENTIAL. HE DISPUTED THE NEED FOR STATES TO POSSESS NUCLEAR ARMS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL SECURITY. IN A THEME FAMILIAR FROM DEVELOPING STATES, CONTEH LAMENTED THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM HUMAN NEEDS TO ARMAMENTS. HE LINKED THIS TO THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. CONTEH MADE EIGHT PROPOSALS: (1) NATO AND WARSAW PACT POWERS IMMEDIATELY NEGOTIATE MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, (2) SALT II TALKS WIDEN TO INCLUDE ALL NUCLEAR STATES, (3) IMMEDIATE DISMANTLING OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, (4) ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NEGOTIATE TOWARD DISARMAMENT, (5) ALL STATES CEASE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS, (6) THE GREAT POWERS HALT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ASAP, (7) IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION, AND (8) PROMULGATION OF A COMPLETE TEST BAN AND THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR STOCKPILES. YOUNG

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